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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

John:

NPIC's have found only the attached
We have searched the files and ~~can find no other~~ documents that
pertain to the arrangements for the assignment of a Deputy Director,
~~other than the ones that Sandy had in his files.~~ *We* called []

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[] in the DCI's office to find out if there were any other documents
in the USIB files. I was particularly interested in finding out
whether or not there was a response to the letter sent []

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[] on 31 January 1961 by Allen Dulles. After searching the files,
[] *confirmed* ~~said~~ that we had all the pertinent USIB documents here.

I believe the situation is this. When NPIC was set up there was
an initial agreement that the Deputy Director of NPIC would come from
DOD, would be a military officer and would be on a rotational basis *among the services* for
three years.

In the ensuing seven years since the establishment of NPIC there
have only been two Deputy Directors - the first Deputy Director, an
Army officer stayed for just a little over two years. The second
Deputy Director, a Naval officer, has stayed over seven years (3 1/3
terms).

There is nothing definitive in the documents that procedurally
define how the DOD military officer is to be selected, i.e., does
DOD appoint him or nominate him. Neither is there any provision
for *giving* ~~whether~~ CIA ~~has~~ an opportunity to concur or non-concur in the
DOD nominee.

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Because of this lack of definition in the early documents with no clarification since then, I think we are on shakey ground to try to challenge the DIA nominee from a legalistic standpoint. The only possible angle that I can see is that since [] is into his ^{three year} third ~~tour~~ ^{the} he should be given an opportunity to complete his ~~third~~ three year tour. That is, when he was renominated the last time that we had hoped it would be for a full three year tour not a year-to-year proposition. *(I don't recommend this)*

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From a non-legalistic standpoint I think the only possibility is for Jack Smith and/or Art Lundahl to personally and privately meet with [] to make the case for [] retention. This could either be done by Jack Smith inviting [] to lunch at Fort McNair or giving Art an opportunity to invite [] to lunch at the Cosmos to plead his case. The only points that Art could make are ones of personal choice plus [] familiarity with NPIC and his important responsibilities in dealing with the complex COMIREX mechanism. A second point is that [] will not be available until mid-October and that a four-five month hiatus without a Deputy Director is not acceptable.

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If [] after such an approach, still insists on Colonel [] I see that we have no other choice but to accede to his wishes. I believe he does owe us a little better treatment in filling this position without the big gap, if indeed he insists on [] aiming to have him report aboard in June, hopefully, with some sort of overlap with [] insists that if he is not extended he does intend to retire in June and I think we must go on that premise.

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For the long run, there are several things that should be clarified. We should clear up with DIA the procedures for the selection of a Deputy Director, NPIC. I believe it is desirable that DIA nominate a candidate and that there be formal Agency concurrence.

There may be a need to clarify whether or not this position must be a military officer or civilian. This should be discussed with DIA to find out how they feel about it. ~~I think their response will give DIA's feeling about the matter.~~ Clearly, the Deputy Director should be a seasoned intelligence individual who carries as much clout as possible in DIA circles. This could be a civilian but probably would be a military officer.

Out of such discussions may also come the matter of the subordination of the DIAXX personnel within NPIC. I believe we may have to rethink the position of whether or not these people should be under the administrative direction of the Deputy Director. The first Deputy Director,

25X1 [] was much concerned with the role of the Deputy Director.

His main questions were related to his subordination within DOD and any possible dual responsibilities to both NPIC and DOD. In February of 1963 a letter was drafted by [] to be sent to [] by 25X1

25X1 the then DDCI, [] The purpose of the letter was to ask for clarification on the role of the Deputy Director, NPIC. It was

25X1 never sent. [] took the position that the Deputy Director, NPIC, owed all his allegiance to the Director, NPIC, and had no dual responsibilities. This ^{position} was reaffirmed in April of 1965 by a memo from

25X1 [] Chief of Staff, DIA, to DIAXX at the time of the preparation
25X1 of [] fitness report.

The pertinent documents relating to the commitments for the assignment of a Deputy Director to NPIC are as follows:

1. A list of references from USIB documents in 1961 at the time of the chartering of NPIC.

2. A letter from [redacted], Assistant to the SECDEF, to the DCI, Allen Dulles, 31 January 1961.

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3. A memo to the Director Designate DIA from [redacted] Deputy Assistant to the SECDEF dated September 1961.

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4. A proposed letter to the Director of DIA from the DDCI of February 1963 with marginal notes prepared by [redacted]

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5. A memo from the DIA Chief of Staff to DIAXX of April 1965 regarding preparation of fitness report for [redacted]

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6. The official CIA Notice appointing the first Director and Deputy Director of NPIC on 27 February 1961.

7. The CIA Notice appointing [redacted] as Deputy Director, NPIC, of June 1963.

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8. Eight memos between [redacted] and DIAXX concerning extensions of his tour as Deputy Director, NPIC.

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I have drafted a memo from you to [redacted] forwarding these documents. (Copy attached)

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10 Apr

EWP -

- Needs background documents concerning our commitments ~~to~~ to or arrangements for filling the NPIC Dep Dir's position with a military man.
- By 17 Apr

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